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January 1, 2003 AND ENDING

	MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY	
A. RE	GISTRANT IDENTIFIC	CATION		
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
DN Partners, LLC		-	FIRM ID NO.	
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI 77 West Wacker Drive	NESS: (Do not use P.O. Bo	x No.)		
	(No. and Street)			
Chicago	<u>IL</u>		601	
(City)	(State)	(Zip	Code)	
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PE	ERSON TO CONTACT IN F	REGARD TO TH	IIS REPORT	
John E. Dancewicz			(312) 332-7979	
			(Area Code - Telephone No.)	
B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIFI	CATION		
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTAN	IT whose opinion is conta	ined in this repo	ort*	
Faircloth & Associates, LLC		<del> </del>		
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle na	ime)			
542 South Dearborn Street - Suite 560	Chicago	IL	60605	
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	
CHECK ONE:				
X Certified Public Accountant				
Public Accountant			PROCESSED MAR 15 2004	
Accountant not resident in the United State	es or any of its possessions.		MAR 15 2004	
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\* Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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#### **AFFIRMATION**

I, John E. Dancewicz, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of DN Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2003, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer, or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Signature:

John E. Dancewicz

Managing Member of DN Partners, LLC

Official Seal CHARLES ZAMORSKI Notary Public - State of Illinois

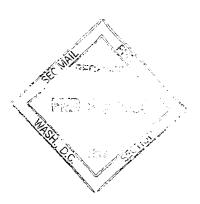
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Notary Public

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003



#### FAIRCLOTH & ASSOCIATES, LLC

ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS FINANCIAL SERVICES

542 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members DN Partners, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of DN Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DN Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2003, and its results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit has been made primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Fairclath & associates, LLC

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# Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2003

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 521,826
Accounts receivable	35,842
Other Assets	13,494
<u>Total Assets</u>	\$ 571,162
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' CAPITAL	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 14,060
Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 5)	
Members' capital	 557,102
Total Liabilities and Members' Capital	\$ 571,162

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

891,172

\$

#### DN PARTNERS, LLC

### Statement of Income for the Year ended December 31, 2003

Revenues		
Management advisory fees Interest income Other income		\$ 1,841,022 6,346 64,745
<u>Total Revenues</u>		\$ 1,912,113
Expenses		
Compensation and benefits	\$ 307,757	
Commissions and finders fees	130,832	
Rent and occupancy	131,244	
Professional fees	47,347	
Management fees	120,000	
Travel and entertainment	140,615	
Communications	42,205	
General and administrative	 100,941	 
Total Expenses		\$ 1,020,941

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Net Income

Statement of Changes in Members' Equity for the Year ended December 31, 2003

Members' equity, beginning of year	\$ 449,765
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2003	891,172
Members' withdrawals	 (783,835)
Members' equity, end of year	\$ 557,102

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year ended December 31, 2003

Cash provided by (applied to) operating activities	^	001 172
Net income	\$	891,172
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable		6,533
Other assets		(5,903)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(3,440)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	888,362
Cash provided by (applied to) financing activities Distributions to members	\$	(783,835)
Net cash applied to financing activities	\$	(783,835)
Net decrease in cash	\$	104,527
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1, 2003	<u> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,</u>	417,299
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2003	\$	521,826
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$	_
Cash paid during the period for taxes	\$	_

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2003

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

DN Partners, LLC ("the Company") is a registered securities broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers. The Company, an Illinois Limited Liability Corporation, is a merger and acquisitions advisory firm that engages in buying and selling companies and provides private placement of private securities.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT POLICIES

Management's Use of Estimates - The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit and money market investments.

Income Taxes - The Company is treated as a partnership under the Internal Revenue Code. The Company allocates taxable income or loss to the Members of the Company, who are responsible for reporting the taxes thereon. Accordingly, no income tax provision has been included in the determination of net income.

#### NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 107 and are either already reflected at fair value, or are short-term or replaceable on demand. Therefore, their carrying amounts approximate their fair values.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 2003

#### NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In 2003, the Company paid \$120,000 to DN Management Services Corporation, an affiliated company, for administrative and support services.

The Company provides office space and facilities to DN Management Services Corporation and DN Partners, LP.

#### NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company leases office space under an agreement expiring in 2006. Approximate minimum lease payments under this agreement, exclusive of executory costs, are as follows:

2004	\$ 73 <b>,</b> 736
2005	76,147
2006	12,859
Total	<u>\$162,742</u>

Office rental expense was \$93,544 for 2003.

There were no contingent liabilities at the statement date.

#### NOTE 6 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

From time to time the Company maintains bank accounts with balances in excess of federally insured limits.

Notes to Financial Statements (Concluded)
December 31, 2003

#### NOTE 7 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company, as a registered broker and dealer, is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule ("Rule 15c3-1") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is required to maintain "minimum net capital" equal to the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3% of "aggregate indebtedness," as these terms are defined.

At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$514,112 which was \$509,112 in excess of its required net capital.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

# FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART II

Broker or Dealer DN Partners, LLC	as of	12/31/03
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL		
Total ownership equity (from Statement of Financial Condition - Item 1800)		\$ 557,102 3480
2. Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital		3490
3. Total ownership equity qualified for net capital		557,102 3500
4. Add		
A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital		3520
B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List)		3525
5. Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		\$ 557,102 3530
6. Deductions and/or charges		
A. Total non-allowable assets from:		
Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C)	\$ 41,870 3540	
Additional charges for customers' and		
non-customers' security accounts	3550	
Additional charges for customers' and		
non-customers' commodity accounts	3560	
B. Aged fail-to-deliver	3570	
1. Number of Items 3450		
C. Aged short security differences - less		
reserve of 3460	3580	
number of items 3470		
D. Secured demand note deficiency	3590	
E. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities		
proprietary capital charges	3600	
F. Other deductions and/or charges	3610	
G. Deductions for accounts carried under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x)	3615	44 070 0000
H. Total deductions and/or charges	•	41,870 3620 3630
7. Other additions and/or allowable credits (list)		
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions     Heiseuts on acquities (computed where applicable)		515,232 3640
9. Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable,		
pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):  A. Contractual securities commitments	3660	
B. Subordinated securities borrowings	3670	
C. Trading and investment securities:		
Hading the investment securities.     Bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit		
and commercial paper	3680	
2. U.S. and Canadian government obligations	3690	
State and municipal government obligations	3700	
4. Corporate obligations	3710	
5. Stocks and warrants	1,120 3720	
6. Options	3730	
7. Arbitrage	3732	
8. Other securities	3734	
D. Undue concentration	3650	
E. Other (list)	3736	3740
10. Net Capital		514,112 3750
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#### FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART II

Broker or Dealer DN Partners, LLC	as of	12/31/03
COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT		
Part A		
<ul> <li>11. Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)</li> <li>12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)</li> <li>13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)</li> <li>14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)</li> <li>15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)</li> </ul>		\$ 937 3756 \$ 5,000 3758 \$ 5,000 3760 \$ 509,112 3770 512,706 3780
COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		
16. Total A.I. Liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition  17. Add:  A. Drafts for immediate credit  B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent is paid or credited  C. Other unrecorded amounts (List)  18. Deduct: Adjustment based on deposits in Special Reserve Bank Accounts (15c3-1 ( c)(1)(vii))  19. Total aggregate indebtedness  20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 / line 10)  21. Percentage of Aggregate Indebtedness to net capital after anticipated capital withdrawals (line 19 / line 10 less item 4880 page 11)	3800 3810 3820	- 3830 3838 14,060 3840 3% 3850 3% 3853
COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT		
Part B  22. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirment pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries debits  23. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)  24. Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23)  25. Excess net capital (line 10 less 24)  26. Percentage of Net Capital to Aggregate Debits (line 10 / line 17 page 8)  27. Percentage of Net Capital, <u>after</u> anticipated capital withdrawals, to Aggregate Debits (line 10 less Item 4880 page 11 / line 17 page 8)  28. Net capital in excess of: 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000		3870 3880 3760 3910 3851 3854
Part C		
<ol> <li>Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 (d)</li> <li>Options deductions/Net Capital ratio (1000% test) total deductions exclusive of liquidating equity under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x) / Net Capital</li> </ol>		3860 3852

- (A) The minimum net capital requirements should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of
  - 1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
  - 2. 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness of 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method used.
- (B) Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand notes covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- (C) For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets

# Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital December 31, 2003

The following is a reconciliation and explanation for differences between the audited and unaudited computation of net capital.

	<u>UNAUDITED</u>	DIFFERENCE	AUDITED
Total ownership equity Deduct equity not allowable	\$ 539,631 0	\$ 17,471 \frac{1}{0}	\$ 557,102 0
Equity Qualified for Net Capital Add:	\$ 539,631	\$ 17,471	\$ 557,102
Subordinated Liabilities Other (deductions) credits	0	0 <u> </u>	0
Total Capital and Subordinated Debt	\$ 539,631	\$ 17,471	\$ 557,102
Deductions and/or charges Nonallowable assets Demand note deficiency Other deductions/charges	41,899 0 0	(29) \ <u>2</u> 0 <u>0</u>	41,870 0 0
Net Capital Before Haircuts	\$ 497,732	\$ 17,500	\$ 515,232
Haircuts on Investment Positions	0	0	0
Net Capital	\$ 496,612	\$ 17,500	\$ 514,112
Net Capital Requirement	5,000	0	5,000
Excess Net Capital	\$ 491,612	\$ 17,500	\$ 509,112

 $<sup>\</sup>sqrt{\underline{1}}$  Difference due to expense revision.

 $<sup>\</sup>sqrt{2}$  Difference due to recalculation.

Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 31, 2003

The Company does not clear securities transactions or take possession or control of securities for customers and, therefore, is exempt from the possession or control and reserve requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

#### FAIRCLOTH & ASSOCIATES, LLC

ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS FINANCIAL SERVICES 542 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605

# SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

To the Members DN Partners, LLC Chicago, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of DN Partners, LLC (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2003 (on which we issued our report dated February 18, 2003), we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgements by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control and of the practices and procedures, and to assess whether those practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

To the Members DN Partners, LLC Chicago, Illinois

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Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal control or of such practices and procedures to future periods are subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the practices or procedures may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the Company's internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the Company's internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the Company's internal control and its operation, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives, in all material respects, indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Company's Members, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Finclot & associates, LLC

Chicago, Illinois February 20, 2004